

Guide to the Ravi D. Goel Collection on Henry Roe Cloud

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Collection Overview

REPOSITORY: Manuscripts and Archives
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CALL NUMBER: MS 2008

CREATOR: Goel, Ravi D.

TITLE: Ravi D. Goel collection on Henry Roe Cloud

DATES: 1906–1950

BULK DATES: 1910–1939

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: 2.25 linear feet (2 boxes)

LANGUAGE: The material is in English.

SUMMARY: The collection comprises correspondence, reports, and manuscripts written by Henry Roe Cloud, much of it concerned with his work with the Office of Indian Affairs. Also included are diplomas awarded to Cloud and photographs of Cloud. Materials cover from 1906 to 1950. The correspondence in the collection is mainly addressed to Cloud's daughter, Marion Roe Cloud Hughes and details Cloud's daily work with the Office of Indian Affairs. There is also a small amount of correspondence with friend C.B. Clapp. Included with the manuscripts is the original typed manuscript of "From Wigwam to Pulpit: A Red Man's Own Story of His Progress from Dark to Light" and a pamphlet on Winnebago traditions. These materials are generally from the 1920s and 1930s. The photographs and diplomas date earlier, from 1906 to the 1910s. Much of the photographs are from when Cloud was a student at Yale College. Diplomas include his 1910 bachelor of arts degree and his 1914 master of arts degree, as well as his high school and seminary diplomas.

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Key to the container abbreviations used in the PDF finding aid:

b. box
f. folder

Administrative Information

Immediate Source of Acquisition

Gift of Ravi D. Goel (Yale College, 1993), 2014

Custodial History

The Ravi D. Goel Collection on Henry Roe Cloud was originally the possession of Cloud's daughter, Marion Roe Cloud Hughes. After the death of Marion Roe Cloud Hughes and her husband, Edward Hughes, their grandson Shahn Hughes inherited the materials. They were then sold to Dr. Ravi D. Goel with the understanding that they would be donated to Manuscripts and Archives at Yale University.

Conditions Governing Access

The materials are open for research.

Conditions Governing Use

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Preferred Citation

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Biographical / Historical

Henry Roe Cloud's exact date of birth is in dispute, with some researchers (and Cloud himself) stating that he was most likely born in the winter of 1884, while other researchers state December 28, 1886. He was born in Winnebago, Nebraska. He was the son of Winnebago Indian parents, who died when he was around age 13. Cloud was mainly educated in government Indian schools before attending Mount Hermon School, a private boarding school in Massachusetts. In 1906, he was accepted into Yale College, the first Native American student that openly identified as such to do so. He completed his bachelor of arts in psychology and philosophy in 1910. While at Yale, Cloud met the missionaries Walter Clark and Mary Wickham Roe. They would go on to adopt him and Cloud took Roe as his middle name.

Cloud received his bachelor of divinity degree from Auburn Theological Seminary in New York and was ordained a Presbyterian minister in 1913. Afterwards, he completed his master of arts in anthropology at Yale University in 1914. He then founded the Roe Indian Institute in Wichita, Kansas, which combined the then-standard vocational education with study of the Bible and other Christian precepts. In 1928, Cloud co-authored the Meriam Report, which stated that government policy towards Native Americans was ineffective. As a result, multiple reforms were made. In 1931, he began a series of positions within the Office of Indian Affairs, including becoming superintendent of the Haskell Institute in 1933 and assistant supervisor of Indian education-at-large in 1936. Cloud spent the rest of his life advocating for modern education for Indian youth. Cloud was married to Elizabeth Georgian Bender from 1916 until his death. They had four children.

Scope and Contents

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Arrangement

The material is arranged by document type.

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| b. 1, f. 1 | "From Wigwam to Pulpit: A Red Man's Own Story of His Progress from Dark to Light." | 1915 |
| b. 1, f. 2 | Garvin County, Oklahoma property records | 1946 |
| b. 1, f. 3 | Winnebago tribal council resolution regarding the death of Henry Roe Cloud | 1950 |
| b. 1, f. 4 | "Winnebago Indian Medicine Lodge Traditions" prepared by Henry Roe Cloud | 1920 |
| b. 1, f. 5 | Bureau of Indian Affairs- applications for registration as an Indian | 1936-1937 |
| b. 1, f. 6 | Bureau of Indian Affairs- travel and expense reports | 1939 |
| b. 1, f. 7 | Bureau of Indian Affairs- weekly activity reports | 1939 |
| b. 1, f. 8 | Correspondence- Clapp, C.B. | 1922 |
| b. 1, f. 9 | Correspondence- Cloud, Marion Roe Hughes | 1936-1939 |
| | Photographs | |
| b. 2, f. 1 | Yale class of 1910 | 1910 |
| b. 2, f. 2 | Henry Roe Cloud while at Auburn Theological Seminary | 1913 |
| b. 2, f. 2 | Henry Roe Cloud and two classmates while at Auburn Theological Seminary. | 1913 |
| b. 2, f. 2 | Auburn Theological Seminary faculty and students | 1912 |
| b. 2, f. 2 | Yale class of 1910 composite | 1910 |
| b. 2, f. 2 | Henry Roe Cloud with Yale classmates | 1910 |
| b. 2, f. 2 | Henry Roe Cloud in Native American dress | 1916 |
| b. 2, f. 3 | Yale class of 1910; Elihu Club class of 1910 | 1910 |
| b. 2, f. 4 | Diplomas | 1906-1914 |

Selected Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

Subjects

Indians of North America
Indians of North America -- Education

Names

Cloud, Henry Roe, 1885-1950

Corporate Bodies

United States. Office of Indian Affairs
Yale College (1887-). Class of 1910

Contributors

Goel, Ravi D.
Cloud, Henry Roe, 1885-1950